

FOX COMMITTEE:

TRUDEAU'S UNITY PLAN OBSOLETE

by Rick Boychuk

The latest in a series of federal Liberal initiatives to promote federalism in Quebec and garner student support, went virtually unnoticed at McGill on Monday. Less than ten people showed up at a Political Science Students' Association (PSSA)-sponsored meeting to hear two Liberal backbenchers extol the benefits of a revamped federalism.

Claude-Andre Lachance, MP for Lafontaine-Rosemont, and Dennis Dawson, of Louis Hebert, say they are "not federalists in the Trudeau sense." Both the young MPs say they, and other members in the Liberal party known as the "Fox committee," are seeking a federal structure that is more in tune with the times.

"Trudeau," says Dawson, "is still hanging on to the idea of federalism he had in the '60s."

Lachance and Dawson, frankly critical of the PM, are urging Quebecers to reassess the meaning of federalism. They say that the present political arrangement is a product of political realities that existed at confederation and that what is needed to come to terms with today's problems is a complete overhaul rather than "adjustments to fit 1867 ideas."

Both the backbenchers had praise for the Pepin-Robarts report and consider it a base to work from. They argue, as the report does, for provincial control of all cultural matters and language rights. Trudeau completely disagrees with the idea of provincial management

of language policy and has said the Pepin-Robarts report is "dead wrong" in recommending the measure.

The PM has long opposed giving the provinces control of language rights and his decade-old Bilingualism and Biculturalism (B&B) policy remains his definitive statement of that position.

Lachance says the B&B policy was a "worthwhile objective but not possible in the short term. Maybe twenty years from now, but do we have twenty years?"

"In federal politics you tend to become isolated from the province," says Lachance, "isolated from the main currents of thought."

"I don't think the Prime Minister is aware of the changes that have occurred in Quebec."

The two MPs urged students to explore alternative forms of the federal structure. "There is more than one expression of federalism," says Dawson.

Lachance and Dawson have been touring the province speaking to students in universities and CEGEPs since November of last year. Both are members of an "informal group" within the Liberal party meeting under "the guidance of (former Solicitor-General) Francis Fox." The purpose of the group is to "discuss federalism" with students.

The "Fox committee," as it is known, has about 15 members, and includes no ministers. Lachance considers it an offensive meant to "counter PQ initiatives."

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Liberal backbenchers Denis Dawson (left) and Claude Lachance outline the Fox Committee's plan for a revamped federalism.

Library sharing:

Admins attack proposal

by Allan Kunigis

The Quebec government plan for Concordia and McGill to share facilities has been attacked by administrators from both universities for being impractical, simplistic, and arbitrary.

The government's five-year capital spending policy calls for universities to share facilities on a regional and linguistic basis. In the case of McGill and Concordia, this would mean sharing library, reading space and athletic facilities.

Not necessarily so, according to McGill Vice-principal of Planning E.J. Stansbury. "All the facilities that Concordia needs are already full at McGill," he said. "Concordia needs reading room space in libraries, and athletic facilities. Our reading rooms are full and our athletic facilities are (also)

under the norm."

Concordia's Executive Assistant to the Rector Michael Sheldon, criticized the government's approach as "simplistic and political."

"It's totally unreasonable and irrational," he said. "It doesn't look at what the real needs are. What we need is not books so much, but study space. The kind of space McGill may not be using is split up into little bits and pieces and can't really be used."

Concordia Director of Libraries Paul-Emile Fillion also sees the government proposals as unworkable. "At least for the undergrads it's practically impossible. Loyola is too far and for Sir George there would be too many students for the space," he explained. "McGill doesn't have the practical space or the feasible space."

"Our graduate departments are different from McGill," he said. "For many departments we don't teach the same courses in the same manner."

Stansbury pointed to the problem of putting what looks good on paper into a workable practice. "On paper it's a good idea," he commented, "but when you get into the reality of going from one place to another, it makes for an inefficient use of facilities and human resources."

Fillion was optimistic that after the government looks at the practical aspects of the plan more closely, they will change their policy. "The government should look at the facts of life instead of the figures of life," he stated.

"People should not live by paper alone."

To Sheldon the government proposal "looks like a plan to split universities up." He questioned why the government would not consider having all the universities share facilities with each other.

A common concern of many university administrators in Quebec is that part-time students are ignored in determining the capital spending grant.

Stansbury said this hurts Concordia's efforts to have adequate facilities. "It's a decision the government has taken arbitrarily because of shortage of money rather than because of shortage of space."

While the universities are hoping their criticisms of the government's policy will bring about a change eventually, they, through the Council of

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TA's:

A year of decision

by Peter Orr

At a general meeting Friday the newly-elected executive of the McGill Teaching Assistants Association (MTAA) launched a membership drive with a view towards strengthening the organization as a bargaining unit.

The MTAA now recruits most TAs in Anthropology, English, History, and Political Science. The Teaching Assistants have set up a committee to meet with TAs from the French

Language Center, Geography, Philosophy and various language departments.

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look for a "straightforward commitment on the part of the administration to maintain, and if possible, improve the TA/student ratio". Currently the ratio averages 60 students per TA.

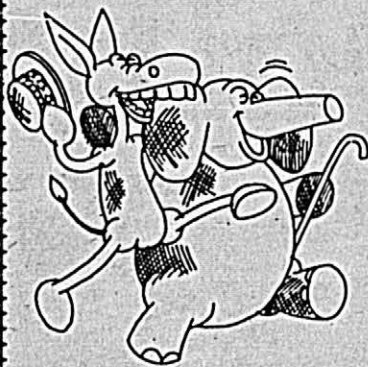
MTAA spokespersons say the issue of student/TA ratio is linked to both job security and quality of instruction for students. As the student/TA ratio increases, the number of TAs decreases, workload gets heavier and students see their TAs less and less.

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There will be a Daily staff meeting today at 5 pm to discuss the satire issue. No kidding; be there.

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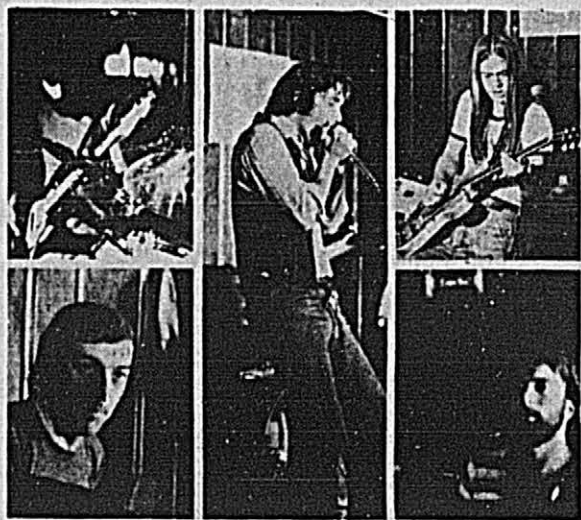
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Women's Studies:

Sheila McDonough will be speaking on Women's Studies and the Simone de Beauvoir Institute in Rm. 310 of the Union at 1 pm. Everyone welcome.

Exhibition Debate:

Concordia vs. McGill "Resolved: There is no room in this town for two English universities". McConnell Hall Lounge, 8 pm. All welcome. Sponsored by McGill Debating Union.

Quebec City Carnival Trip:

All those passengers with boarding passes must phone in to reserve their seats on the buses as early as possible. Bus departure times are 3 pm and 6 pm this coming Friday February 2nd. Call the office of the Sports Clubs Council at 392-4737.

McGill Outing Club:

Open Meeting at 7:30 pm in the Union Ballroom. Bring your slides! There will also be a movie on Cross-Country Skiing. Sign up for winter camping trip over the mid-term break.

McGill Film Society:

Film Workshop 4-6 pm Rm. 434 Student Union Building. All interested in filmmaking please attend.

Osler Society:

Film: *Seeds of Health* (On the Chimaltenango Development Project, a new approach to primary health care in Guatemala). Discussion with Dr. Michael Moffatt. Francis Seminar Room, Medical Library, McIntyre Medical Bldg at 5:15 pm.

Savoy Society:

Rehearsal tonight in Room 310 in the Union 7 pm for Fairies and 8:30 for Peers.

Roses are red, violets are blue:

Come read poetry, yours and others too. Today at noon in Arts 230, bring your lunch.

Faculty of Music free concerts:

Pollack Concert Hall 8:30 pm. Susan Palmer, harpsichord, student of John Grew. Works by Bull, Bach, Soler, Duphy.

Hillel:

Jewish awareness committee meeting 2 pm 3460 Stanley St. All members are requested to attend.

McGill Ukrainian Students' Association:

There is a widespread, insidious myth on campus that Andrii bites. Rest assured, he does not. All he wants is signatures from anyone who is remotely interested in meeting occasionally. He will be collecting them today, between 10:45 am and 12:15 pm, at the Union, facing room 302. Or leave a message at 935-1169.

Alpha Gamma Delta Women's Fraternity:

I looked at your face and could tell by the frown that it was another case of lunchbag let-down. Lunch at our Fraternity. Anytime between 11:30 and 1:30 at 3426 Hutchison Apt. 5.

Blood Donors:

Type A Positive, are needed urgently for a blood transfusion at the Donors' Clinic today at the Montreal General Hospital. Please inquire at Sadie's for the recipient's name.

Admin . . .

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Universities, are preparing submissions on:

- the overall view of enrolment at each university over the next 10-20 years
- the effect of each university's space on its development — whether it is sufficient, whether it limits growth, what each university thinks of rental space, and of the ministry's decision to overlook part-time students in funding
- the concept of regionalization — how it affects each university and what each institution thinks about joint space and facilities.

Both Stansbury and Sheldon played down any possibility of the government policy leading to an eventual merger of the two anglophone universities. "Merging two universities doesn't solve the problems we have to deal with," said Stansbury.

Sheldon said, "there is no reason for a merger. One has to avoid a paranoid reaction. The important thing is to stand up to it (the government)."



Bernard Landry, the minister responsible for economic development in Quebec, asserted yesterday that the provincial economy had improved since the PQ elections. He cited a 1978 report that placed Quebec second only to Alberta in manufacturing investment.

PQ Minister:

Ottawa rips off Quebec one billion a year

by Richard Boudreau

Bernard Landry, provincial Minister of State for Economic Development, strongly defended the performance of the Quebec economy since 1976 during a speech at McGill yesterday.

Speaking to approximately one hundred students in the Leacock building, the PQ minister stated that, contrary to certain viewpoints, the Quebec economy "has improved slightly" since the PQ came to power.

Landry cited a report claiming that in 1978 Quebec had "the second highest investment rate in manufacturing in Canada behind Alberta" as proof that the provincial economy has prospered. However, noting that many problems remain, he blamed Ottawa for hindering Quebec's economic development since "the federal government has all the powerful levers of

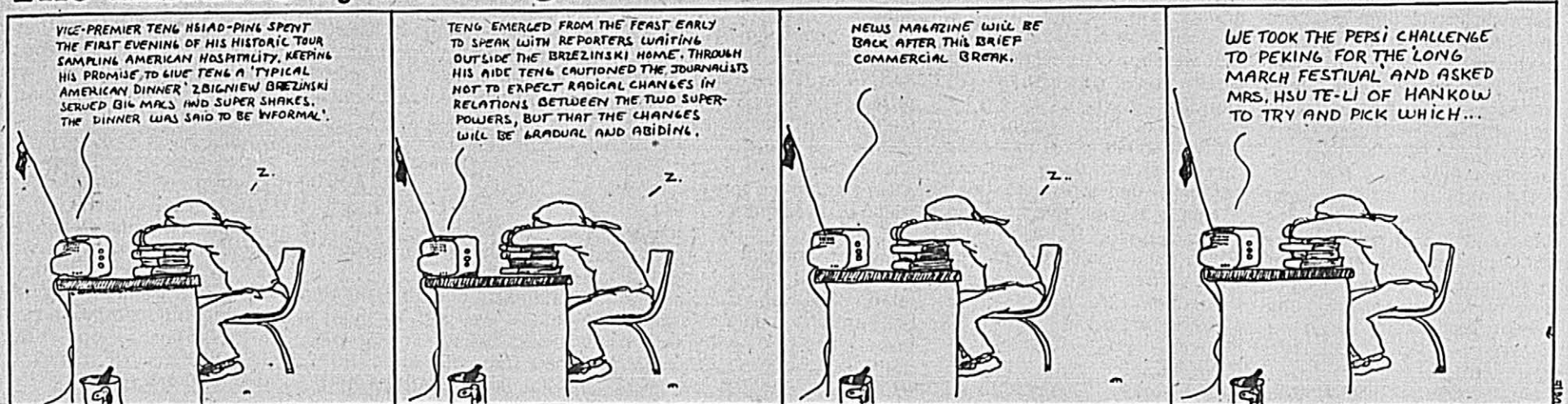
economic action." He accused Ottawa of "creating poverty" by shortchanging Quebec of over \$15 billion dollars in the past 15 years. This imbalance, he claimed, was due to federal investment, subsidy and purchasing policies.

The minister also discussed political issues, including the PQ's plan for sovereignty-association and the so-called "English exodus". Landry stated that the problem of head office migration out of Quebec was "part of a general trend over the past 30 years, and the rate of movement out of Quebec last year was the same as the national average." While he agreed the westward movement of business and people was "an important problem", the government "won't crawl on the floor to get anyone here." As for the problem of American economic influence, Landry said "the government can't get rid of

domination brutally and in a short period of time". He said the planned takeover of General Dynamics' Asbestos Corp. was the "only nationalization planned by the government."

Commenting on the upcoming referendum, Landry ridiculed Quebec Liberal leader Claude Ryan for harshly criticizing Progressive Conservative MP David Crombie, who advocated negotiation with Quebec should the PQ win the referendum. He said Crombie's retraction of the statement was a "disgraceful effort." Landry also attacked federal Interprovincial Relations Minister Marc Lalonde for threatening to hold a federal referendum if Ottawa considers the PQ question vague or misleading. He believes Quebecers' support for their right to self-determination is "tremendously overwhelming".

The Insiders By Stuart Logie



Comment

Cry wolf policy minimizes rape

Police in Hamilton, Ontario are making it even more threatening for women to seek legal recourse if they have been raped.

On the Monday edition of the CBC radio show *As It Happens*, host Barbara Frum spoke with an officer of the Hamilton-Wentworth police force. The representative outlined a new "get tough" policy directed at women whose accusations of rape are classified by the department as unfounded. Specifically, the Hamilton-Wentworth police have decided to press charges of "public mischief" against women whose accusations of rape, in their estimation, do not hold water.

The officer said the Hamilton police force was taking this action because almost 57% of the rapes reported to the department in 1978 were classified as unfounded after an initial investigation had been completed. The police are annoyed by the cases because of "all the wasted investigative hours." The officer said rape was "too often used as a cover story" by young women who want to hide their nightly activities from their parents, or are looking for sympathy from them.

Police in Hamilton should first of all realize their experience with unfounded rape cases is not unusual. In *Rape: The price of coercive sexuality*, Lorraine Clark and Debra Lewis analyze the data they gathered about rape cases in the Toronto area in 1970. At that time, they found the Toronto police classified 63.8% of rape accusations as unfounded. Clark and Lewis, after considering the evidence collected and doing their own investigations, felt 81% of the 63.8% considered unfounded by the Toronto police could have led to convictions.

On November 17, Clark spoke at McGill about group rape. She also described the attitudes that influence police when they are deciding whether an accusation of rape is founded and therefore warrants further investigation. Lewis maintained "the Crown and the police are often unwilling to investigate rape charges" (Daily, November 20), and that police do not encourage women to press charges.

The investigator making the initial investigation is not interested merely in the facts surrounding an alleged rape. According to Lewis, the investigator sizes up the credibility of the woman as a potential witness, considering the presumed character of the plaintiff, her use of drugs or alcohol, and whether she has ever been charged with prostitution.

Traditional social attitudes and institutions conspire to make women feel responsible for rape. Family, church, and even the rape laws themselves, operate to make women keep quiet if they have been raped. Who needs such a social stigma constantly dangling around her neck?

The charge of public mischief carries with it a small fine (if considered a summary offence) or a prison term of up to five years (if considered an indictable offence).

The possibility of being charged for public mischief is just one more obstacle to women in the Hamilton area who want to do something about the growing incidence of rape.

Ellen McKeough

Letters

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To the Daily:

Danny Shapiro (Daily, Letters, Jan. 29) is quite right. It is preposterous to think that the only reason a student asks to see his or her final examination paper is to argue for a higher mark. As one whose professional specialty is motivation, I know that the same act may arise from different motives and the same motive may lead to different acts; it is foolish to attribute motives without proper study of an individual case. I can't imagine how my views on the subject could have been so misconstrued in the Daily's report (Jan. 26).

My own experience with McGill students, even with

those who are in the beginning rather grade conscious, is that they readily become absorbed in striving for better education rather than merely for better grades. In helping them achieve this objective, it is important that we should try to reduce a student's exposure to situations in which concern for grades is likely to be stimulated rather than inhibited, insofar as this can be done without compromising good education.

This is a main thrust of the Psychology Department's educational goals. Any charge that the Department's procedures are based on a cynical view of students' motives is false.

Dalbir Bindra
Department of Psychology

No "chosen people"

To the Daily:

I was astonished to read in your newspaper a report on a lecture of mine containing a blunt distortion of my ideas and words, and thus portraying me as a primitive racist. I refer to the article "Ethiopian base tempting" by Laura Gibney, dated November 10, 1978. The article contained a quote, as if I said the following:

"Erich describes the Ethiopians as 'The real children of Israel ... like the people of Israel ... He said 'they see themselves as being superior to others. They see themselves as the chosen people' ... It is for this reason he believes that they will not bow under Russian pressure."

I never uttered such a sentence and I do not think that your reporter misunderstood me innocently.

The point I was making in my speech was that the Ethiopians, in general, are deeply proud of their own cultural values and of their historical ability to maintain their political independence. They managed, almost always, to stand against neighbouring Middle Easterners and Asians and to defeat imperialist Europeans. All those who know the Ethiopian people and respect them, I think, will share my view that in the past they never let foreigners patronize them nor will they let the Soviets do it in future.

Speaking about the historical relations between Ethiopia and Israel and in an entirely different context, I mentioned, as a background note, the *Ethiopian medieval* concept that they, the Ethiopians, were true "Children of Israel" and that they were "The chosen people." I referred to the Ethiopians' national ethos, the *Kebra Negest* ("The Glory of the Kings"), written in c. 1320 BC, which tells the story of how Menelik I, the legendary establisher of the Ethiopian imperial dynasty, was born to the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon.

The legend, written in the language of Ge'ez, ends with the following: "and after he slept there appeared unto King Solomon (in a dream) a brilliant sun, and it came down from heaven and shed exceedingly great splendour over Israel. And when it had tarried there for a time it suddenly withdrew itself, and it fled away to the country of Ethiopia, and it shone there with exceedingly great brightness forever, for it willed to dwell there..." etc.

I mentioned this *medieval* Ethiopian concept only in the context of the old cultural relations between Ethiopia, the bible and the people of Israel. It has nothing to do with modern politics, modern Ethiopian thinking or with my own concepts.

Personally, I do not think that anyone is "chosen." It is up to the individual to choose. He may, for instance, follow the way of listening to others and honestly develop his own ideas or he may choose to distort others' ideas and foment misunderstanding and hatred.

Note: Being so busy distorting a very marginal and irrelevant point your correspondent forgot to report about a main theme in my lecture, namely that almost all the Arab states are supporting continuously those factors that work for the dismemberment of Ethiopia...

Professor Haggai Erlich
Tel Aviv University
currently at History Dept.
Concordia University

Issue lottery tickets instead

To the Daily:

Congratulations are in order for Robert Lalonde's inspiring words on the parking situation on McTavish Street where at least one hundred McGill students park their vehicles each day.

The time is long overdue when students should start taking notice of those \$10 gifts they find on their windshields every third or fourth day (if they're lucky enough to get a ticket that seldom).

If anyone was outraged by the estimation Mr. Lalonde made of \$20,000 a month and \$200,000 for the academic year, try multiplying those figures by 100 or 200 to account for all the other city streets that are doomed to be ticketed each day throughout the Montreal area. Now if you've done that, you'll find that the City of Montreal hands out about \$20,000,000 just in parking violations each year - ridiculous, right? ... Wrong. What about all the other thousands of tickets handed out for violations besides parking. Exceeding the speed limit, passing on a double white line or charging a yellow traffic light. Of course we understand that tickets are rightfully handed out for these violations to ensure the safety of Montreal drivers - as well as pedestrians. But what about the tickets given out to students who are already dishing out anywhere between \$700 and \$1500 and sometimes more each year just to attend university?

I don't think the City of Montreal is going to suffer that much if they stopped ticketing McTavish Street. After all, who is going to notice a few measly dollars from \$20,000,000. Come guys ... give us a break ... our professors won't.

Donald Scardochio
Arts U3

There's no business
like business business

To the Daily:

As members of the McGill MBA program, we feel obliged to respond to Associate Dean Robert Cooper's comments in the January 17 edition of the McGill Reporter. He has

mentioned many facets of the program that he feels were legitimate, and has led the reader to believe they have been solved. We beg to differ.

He has mentioned that some students were less than pleased with past teaching methods, however, the program has some professors whose teaching methods and lecture abilities continue to be very poor. We have so far been exposed to two courses that were a total waste of time. We realize that Robert Cooper has an excellent marketing background, but improved publicity, attractive brochures and other selling devices do not compensate for poor organization, inept administration, inadequate screening of some faculty, and the low morale of the student body.

We also do not appreciate scare tactics by professors whose exams have an average grade of between 35 and 40 percent. Only to save face for the MBA program, and over the repeated objections of the professors were the grades finally adjusted, so that "only" 10 to 15 percent failed. The objection here is not to failing people who may deserve to, but rather to a professor who gives totally unfair exams, and later states very clearly, "I want you scared before that final, and if it were up to me your raw scores would hold." Is this part of the teaching approach that Robert Cooper feels "develops enthusiasm, cohesiveness and pride"?

As for the business game, it is nothing Robert Cooper says it is. For business decisions that must be submitted every Friday by 10 am, students reluctantly drag themselves to group meetings every Thursday afternoon, sessions that usually don't last more than fifteen minutes. As for the rapport the game supposedly develops with individual professors, each group meets its professor twice each semester, for twenty minute discussions, eighty minutes for the entire year. Rapport is difficult to establish in a time that amounts to less than that of one regular lecture, and is spread out over eight months. The game is totally meaningless, boring, and is regarded as the proverbial "pain in the ass."

We came into the program with good spirits and high expectations. Realizing that the program is young, we expected some problems, but when Robert Cooper states that his major goal is to "increase the quality of incoming students," and to improve the image of the program rather than its substance, his concern for his present students is apparent. Its obvious we've fallen victim to an excellent marketing campaign. Perhaps this letter will help others avoid the same mistake. For obvious reasons we will sign our names only after graduation.

Names withheld

Hyde Park

Hyde Park is a free forum for the expression of general personal, political, or group opinions on any matter.

Any member or members of the McGill community may make submissions to Hyde Park, as long as they are not sexist, racist, or libelous.

Due to space considerations, the Daily may or may not be able to print all submissions immediately upon their arrival in our offices. We will therefore attempt to print submissions on a first-come first-serve basis. In the event that particular groups monopolize the space, we will waive the rule temporarily so as to insure that a plurality of opinions are allowed expression.

The Daily undertakes no responsibility to print all submissions; as well, the Daily is not responsible for the return of any unaccepted submissions.

The opinions expressed in Hyde Park do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the McGill Daily staff.

STOP... get out your paint cans

Dedicated to our Premier René Lévesque in grateful support of his enlightened statement, made in Washington, DC, on the painting-over of our traffic signs.

According to the authoritative Robert, the prestigious and superb French dictionary, "stop" is an English interjection that entered the French language in (or before) 1792 as a technical term used in navigation. (1) Its purpose was to make ships stop. Its meaning has since been generalized so that nowadays it is used to make anything come to a stand. Maupassant recounts that some stopped a swim by yelling "Stop!" (*il arrêta la nage en criant "Stop!"*).

(2) "Stop" also serves in French as a spelled out punctuation sign used in telegrams to separate sentences. Although Le Petit Robert does not say so, it is clear that this usage comes from the English "full stop" — the punctuation point that is dubbed "period" in Anglo-American — which has brought English sentences to an end since 1590 (Universal Oxford Dictionary).

(3) "Stop" is also a masculine noun. *Un stop* is synonymous with *un arrêt*: "*Un véritable stop du coeur*" is quoted from Romain Rolland. It is used especially in connection with motor vehicles, in two senses: (a) to mean the red light that is known in English as the tail light or brake light — in French *le stop* or *le signal de stop*; (b) *un stop* is also a road sign telling the motorist to come to a stand (*marquer un temps d'arrêt*).

(4) A familiar expression is *faire de l'autostop* or *faire du stop*, i.e. to hitchhike.

About Stop and other French words

Contrary to a commonly-held opinion, the French exclamation *Stop!* is not derived from the verb *stopper*, which did not enter the French idiom much before 1847, from the English "to stop." As a transitive verb, *stopper* has two meanings: (1) As a nautical term it means "to make a ship, a machine, ... stop." (2) In its second meaning the verb belongs to *la langue courante*, i.e. "it is understood and used by everybody": to bring to a halt any kind of motion. Camus wrote "*l'invasion des rats était stoppée*."

As an intransitive verb *stopper* means "to come to a halt"; it is applied to ships and other vehicles. Louys wrote: "*Le train ... repartit pour stopper une seconde fois en pleine montagne*." Martin du Gard used it, in a figurative manner, in describing the breaking off of speech: "*Les paroles se bloquaient dans sa gorge, il stoppait net*."

There exists another French *stopper*, which at first does not seem to bear any relation to the preceding verb. It means "to repair a tear in a cloth by reweaving": *stopper un accroc* and, in an extended meaning, "*J'ai donné ma veste à stopper*" (Duhamel). This word, which was first recorded "around 1900", looks suspiciously akin to the Dutch *stoppen*. According to Le Petit Robert, however, it comes from regional French verbs *estauper* (1780) and *restauper* (1730), which go back to *estoper* in XIIIth

century Old French. The latter meant "to stuff with étoupe (oakum)" — to stop a leak. (Stopping by caulking, as it were!) And the origin of *étoupe*, via *estoupe* in Old French, goes straight back to Latin *stoppa*, with verb *stoppare*!

In its journey from "stop" to "stopping", the Oxford Universal Dictionary spreads itself on five long columns. It gives the etymology of "to stop" as follows: Old English *stoppan*, from common West Germanic adoption of popular Latin or Romanic *stoppare*. It thus appears that both French and English, through different devious ways, obtained their own words from the same Latin source. ("Tous les chemins mènent à Rome.") The OUD goes on to claim that "The sense 'bring or come to a stand' is a specially English development." As we have seen in Robert, this is the very sense in which *stopper* acquired French citizenship rights in 1847, more than half a century after the command (*Stop!*) had itself been naturalized.

Either one of two imperatives, *arrêtez* and *arrêtez-vous*, would be adequate to translate the English injunction "Stop." The word *arrêt*, however, is a masculine noun; it is neither an interjection nor a command: it can be used to designate a bus stop (*Arrêt de l'autobus*), but on a traffic sign the term is definitely improper.

Epilogue

You have been told that the job of painting over the word STOP on our traffic signs is inspired by the noble motive of safeguarding the French language and culture. Watch out for hitch: the job is a snow job — it has nothing to do with the purity of the language, as this short survey amply demonstrates. Beware of absurd and mendacious arguments. Remember how much French civilization is admired across our continent. Remember how grown-up men, Canadians and Americans, wept openly in the streets of our cities when Paris fell to the Nazi hordes: they sensed it belonged to them too. It was said that France was a state ... of mind (*La France est un état d'esprit*). The petty painting job, which was brought up by shocked US newsmen at Monsieur Lévesque's question period, did not proceed from this spirit. It is no tribute to the French civilization we love, a culture made up of tolerance, courtesy, *politesse*, self-confidence, fair play, with enough pride in its own achievements to be able to appreciate the neighbour's contributions.

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Daily Sports

Martlets edged in OT

by Robert Watt

In a tension-filled, overtime game played last night at the Currie Gym, the McGill Martlets dropped a heart-breaking 76-75 decision to the UQTR Patriotes despite a brilliant 25 point performance by Linda Schaapman.

The marathon game began an hour and forty minutes late as the Pats bus broke down en route to the contest. Rumour has it that Martlet coach Hubert Lacroix rigged the vehicle in order to get the men's game fans in to see a women's game.

The subdued crowd saw the home squad come out flat and have to play catch-up for most of the first half. Coach Lacroix had hoped his charges would come out psyched-up for the big game, but the long delay obviously quieted their enthusiasm.

In the first half, Trois-Rivieres tried putting quick 5'7" Chantal Bigras on Martlets' 5'11" super center Linda Schaapman, but it was no contest as Schaapman poured in 16 of McGill's 32 first half points using her height advantage inside. In the second half, however, UQTR put taller Johanne Lachance on the McGill center, and Schaapman could only manage 9 points.

McGill's defence in the first half was excellent, as guards Anita Duwell and Gail Stanworth put pressure on the ball at every chance. But on of-

fence, as Lacroix put it, "We made too many mistakes and it cost us. That and poor free-throw shooting really hurt us." Halftime score: McGill 32, Pats 30.

At the beginning of the second period, Martlet forward Heather Lord got hot and pumped in 4 of her 10 points for a 36-30 lead. But then the Pats hit for 13 points in a row and forged a 43-36 margin. The game Martlets did not give up. The advantage changed hands frequently as Lord, Stanworth, and Danielle Gauthier for McGill and the Pats Sylvie Turner and Candide Chapdelaine began to sink 'em from all over.

The crowd began to move toward the edge of their seats (and off their hands) as the Pats pulled ahead 64-61 with 32 seconds remaining and Schaapman on the bench with an injury (later diagnosed as a slight ankle sprain). Could the gutsy Lacroix girls make one last-ditch comeback? Of course! Stanworth drove for the hoop, sank her shot, and drew the foul. A chance to tie it! The foul shot went up, perched titilatingly on the rim and fell through. Good! Twenty four seconds left. The Pats moved down the court and missed with one second to go and we had OT.

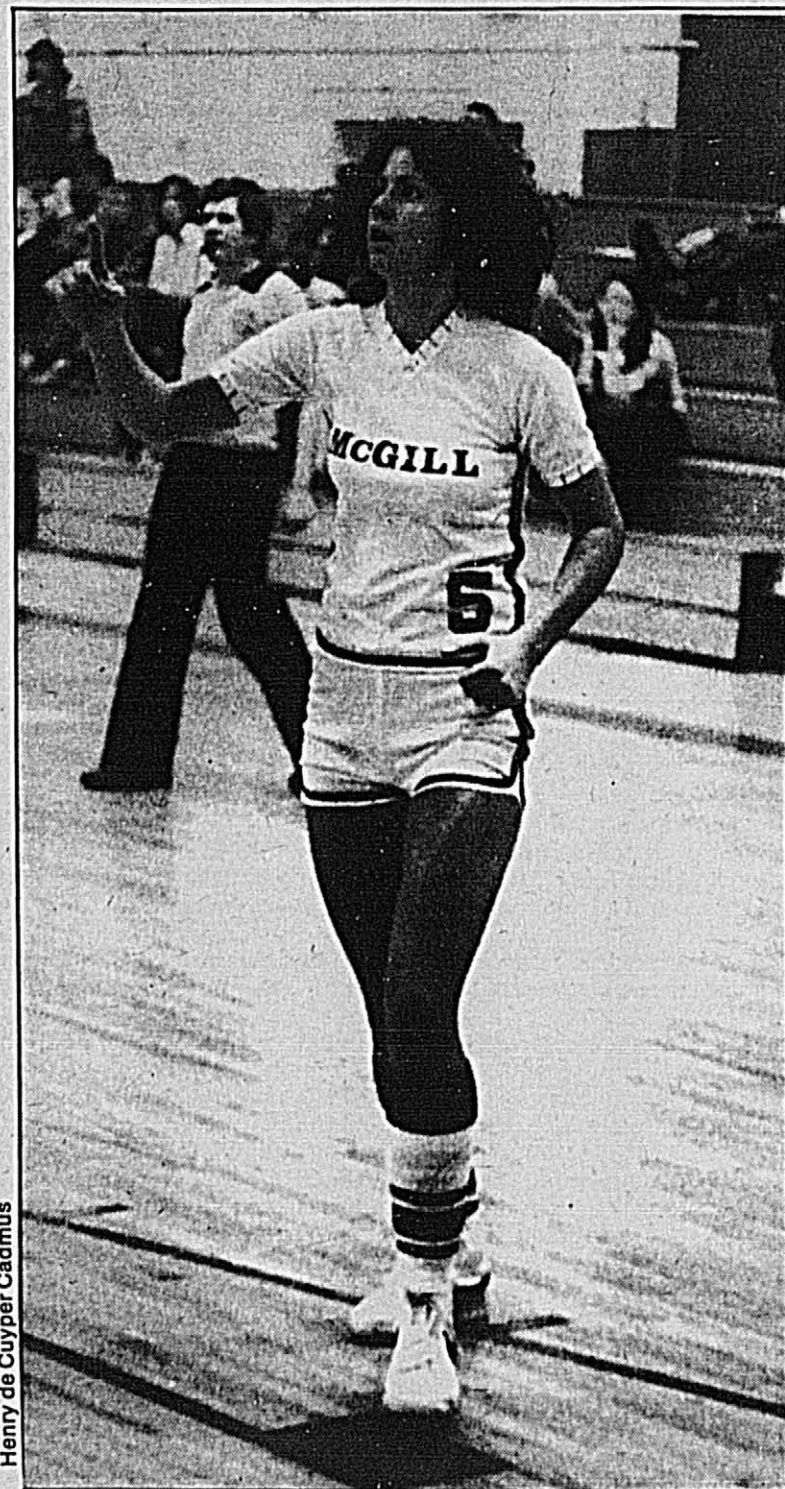
The extra period began with Schaapman hobbling on to the

floor for the jump-ball. Would this valiant attempt spur her mates on? Unfortunately, no, as the Martlets ran into foul trouble in the extra period and the Pats were deadly accurate hitting eight free throws in overtime.

The score was tied 75-75 with 27 seconds left when the Pats' Bigras popped in a free throw for her 19th point of the night. The Martlets had a chance, but lost the ball on another costly turnover, and the Pats killed the remaining 13 seconds, and escaped with the nail-biting victory.

An exhausted Coach Lacroix, however, was optimistic after the contest as he proclaimed, "We'll beat them in Trois Rivieres on Friday."

MARTLETS NOTES: The Martlets were without center Doreen Noel... Because of the timing of the Canada Winter Games, the playoff structure is as follows: An undefeated first place team automatically wins the playoff championship, otherwise the first and second place teams play a sudden death game... In women's basketball a team has the option of taking the ball out of bounds or shooting a free throw when fouled. With 13 seconds the Pats chose to take the ball out of bounds and the Martlets could not get the ball back... Please Richard Jablonski, practice your French pronunciations.



Linda Schaapman, the Martlets' leading scorer

Redmen shuffle to 83-50 win

by Brahm Pascal

Les UQTR Patriotes arrived over one hour late for their game at McGill last night due to a bus delay. Was the bus driver trying to tell the team something? Les Pats were overwhelmed by their complete lack of talent, and by the McGill Redmen, 83-50. How bad were they you ask? Les Pats give rectal itch a good name.

Coach Butch Staples introduced his version of the shell game by dividing the squad into Teams "A" and "B", each with an equal mixture of subs and starters. Surely the UQTR coach appreciated this gesture, but obviously Staples had more in mind.

"It was a good exercise in a lot of ways for us," he pointed out. "Trying the combinations keeps the guys in game situations and lets them face the pressures of the game."

Team Redmen "A" was spurred by Steve Skabla, who seemed to be playing for a

special fan in the crowd. The "A's" played it fast and loose, never spectacular but still managing to build up an 18-8 lead to hand over to the "B's" at 10:20 of the first half. Skabla contributed eight points and Gregg Fasulo chipped in with four before he left the game with a twisted ankle (see box).

The "B's" were certainly busy as they landed themselves in a peck of trouble, blowing assignments and allowing Pats to roam free. Michel Lamarche, the only quality player in UQTR, was doing a creditable job under the boards as he led the Pats to within six and then five points as halftime neared. The "B's" were forcing themselves to taste some of the adversity Staples wanted them to learn to handle. Bill Saban eased the pressure with some 15 footers and lay-ups off of good feeds from Pat Kehoe. But who would have expected McGill 52, UQTR 24 at the half?

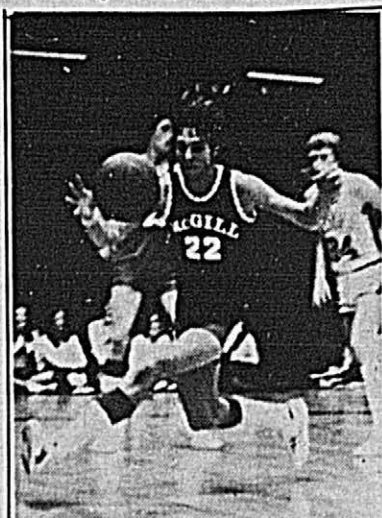
Staples finally decided to play hardball with the Pats in the second half. The regular starting five was on the court but they found themselves acting rather clumsily as they began to get reacquainted. "It was hard for the guys to come out in the second half and concentrate," the coach explained. "We used the press early to get them back together and into the game."

Soon after, it was pure Redmen blowout all the way down the stretch. Kehoe finally got his head clear and hit for 21 of the 51 McGill second half points (after only two in the first half). Actually it was the press that completely befuddled the already hapless Pats. Steal after steal by Gordie Brabant and company and still the Pats came back for more. Quel yawn.

Kehoe also pulled down 13 rebounds. Skabla popped seven of nine from the field for 15 points for that little lady.



Redmen guard Gord Brabant



A picture of grace, isn't he? This is Gregg Fasulo in happier days performing for the Alvin Ailey Dance Troupe. Last night Fasulo was cut down by an ankle injury on a freakish sequence of action. He was sent to the hospital for precautionary X-rays, but trainer Joe Emerich said not to worry because it just looks like a second degree ankle sprain. Chances are that Gregg will not make the trip to Quebec City on Friday, but will be ready for Bishop's next weekend.

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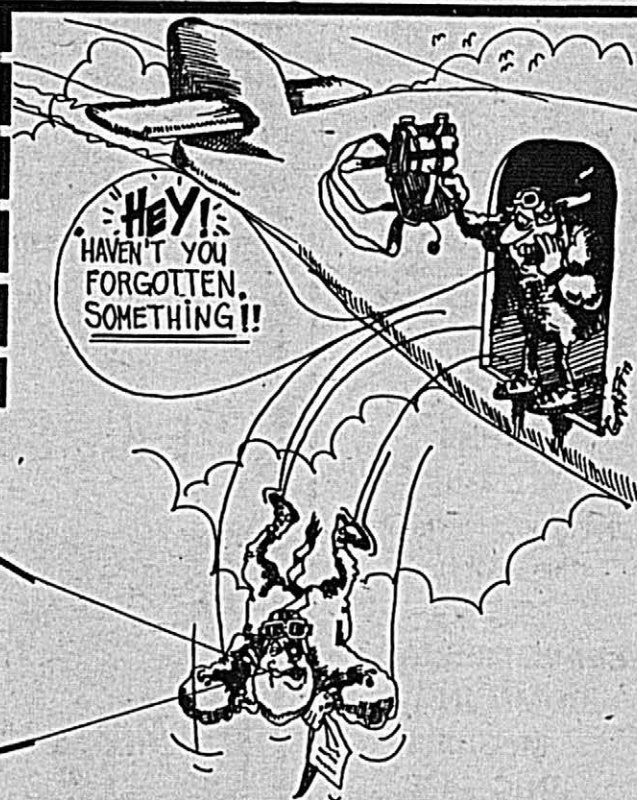
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3. The ability of the Students' Society to vary the fees paid by members of individual faculties.

The Judicial Board is inviting written submissions respecting this reference. All students' associations or groups are entitled to file written submissions for the consideration of the Board. These submissions should include the name and telephone number of the intervenant. At a later date an oral hearing may be held, should sufficient interest be expressed.

The Board would be particularly interested in receiving submissions concerning the rationale for the present fee structure. In addition, observations concerning the interpretation of the Constitution are encouraged. Students are, of course, free to submit any other relevant material.

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